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REMARKS:

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25X1 1. a. About 200 recruits arrived by truck in BERNAU (N 53/Z 96) in the evening of 12 November 1949. The recruits were quartered in the kaserne on Edelweisstrasse.

25X1 b. Eighteen 76.2-mm AT guns were in the yard of the kaserne on 22 November 1949.

25X1 c. Groups of 18 to 21-year-old recruits, totaling 200 to 300 men, were in front of the MVD building, BERNAU, in mid-December 1949. A tank officer called up the recruits individually by name.

25X1 d. Two T34 tanks, were in the area of the kaserne on Edelweisstrasse on 15 December 1949.

25X1 2. a. on 1 December 1949 recruits had arrived in the former Luftnachrichten Kaserne on Edelweisstrasse, BERNAU. Twenty-three 76.2mm AT guns and six heavy mortars were seen in the kaserne yard.

25X1 b. All soldiers seen in the area of the Luftnachrichten Kaserne between 3 and 8 December 1949 were cleaning weapons and motor vehicles. Thirty 3½-ton trucks were parked in front of the buildings. Other trucks were stored in the garages. Trucks near the previously mentioned AT guns and heavy mortars which were also being cleaned. The troops in the kaserne were estimated at 400 to 500.

25X1 c. About 1,000 troops had fallen in, forming four columns, in the yard of the Luftnachrichtenkaserne on 22 December 1949.

25X1 d. Eight 76.2-mm AT guns in front of the garages on Schoenowerstrasse on 22 December 1949. Other guns were towed to the kaserne area by trucks.

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e. The cantonment of the former carrier-pigeon station was guarded but not occupied. [redacted]

[redacted] Comment:

[redacted] the BERNAU quarters are occupied by component units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre) and headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army (Cadre). These units received recruits in November and December 1949, as indicated in para 1 (late arrival of all recruits or first shipment of winter recruits ?).

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